

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SHIRLEY' SOUL FOOD  
MAY 21, 2007  
8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Kenneth Peeples, Rex Anderson and Harold Andrews;  
County Administrator Darrell Hampton; Finance Director Phyllis Ayers; County Attorney Brian Ranck; and Kimberly Ashe

Chairman Peeples called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 A.M. and welcomed those present.

Administrator Darrell Hampton asked the blessing.

I. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. COUNTY ATTORNEY BRIAN RANCK SPOKE ON THE HIGHLANDS  
OF LAKE HARTWELL PROJECT.

Mr. Ranck stated that he wrote a letter to Mr. Pinnion, as the Commission had requested and spoke with him as well. Mr. Ranck asked the Commission to grant permission today to file injunctions if it becomes necessary.

A motion to grant permission was made by Commissioner Peeples, and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Motion carried unanimously.

2. REPRESENTATIVES FROM GEORGIA DEPT. OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, GEORGIA POWER AND SCDA DISCUSS EFFORTS  
IN STEPHENS COUNTY.

Scott McMurray spoke on the importance of border counties and the positive trends that he has seen developing in our area recently. Mitch Griggs spoke on the need for the continued development of the Haystone Brady industrial park. Mr. Roberts of Georgia Power

discussed the competition. The group discussed the positives and negatives of Stephens, and each of the neighboring counties. Most industry looks for interstate accessibility; the workforce; and the livability of a community. It was stated that we were extremely competitive in each of these areas. We have been beaten out by counties that have spec buildings ready with roads and infrastructure in place. The question was posed to the Commissioners by Mr. Roberts of Georgia Power, "What would you see as the ideal industry for Stephens County?" Much discussion followed and Mr. Roberts of Georgia Power said that what the Commissioners had just described was a plastics plant or possibly support for automotive plants. Heavy discussion carried on for quite a while. Administrator Hampton reminded the group of the time and prior engagements. He thanked them all for coming. The Commissioners requested a follow up meeting to be scheduled at a later date.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Peeples and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Kenneth Peeples, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Ashe, Interim Clerk